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46. A therapeutic composition useful in treating humans with *Neisseria meningitidis* comprising at least one antibody directed against the polypeptide of claim 25 and a suitable pharmaceutical carrier.

### REMARKS

#### Claims

Claims 1-24 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute, in one or more patent applications, the canceled claims, the claims as originally filed, and any other claims supported by the specification.

New claims 25-46 have been introduced. No new matter is added.

#### Support

Support for the new claims is either obvious, or is as described in the text below. Support for compositions of the isolated polypeptide which include an adjuvant recited in the claims may be found, for example, at page 94, lines 15-16. Support for the hybridization conditions may be found, for example, at page 51, lines 27-30. Support for the recitation of sequence relatedness such as in claim 37 may be found in the specification, for example, at page 97, line 21 through page 98, line 15.

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**Closing Remarks**

Allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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